

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph at page 12, line 29 through page 13, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

In general, the process 300 is a feedback loop that causes the process of mapping client requests to servers to converge in such a way that client requests will be mapped to near-optimal or optimal servers. In the flow diagram, each step indicates a different process performed in the various nodes of the system, namely the central servers 120, candidate servers 130, and clients 140. It should be understood that, in each case, at least one processor executes a set of machine instructions that are stored in a non-transitory computer readable medium, such as RAM, ROM, CD-ROM, magnetic disk drive, or a remote storage medium accessible over the packet communication network 100. Alternatively, an ASIC (application specific integrated circuit) or embedded processor may be employed to accomplish various aspects of the process 300.